



AGENDA

Citizens' Advisory Committee

7:00 P.M.

Wednesday June 11, 2014

**Mayor's Conference Room
Maple Grove Government Center**

- A. Call to Order by Chair
- B. Minutes: Approve Minutes from April 9, 2014
- C. Area Reports (Forms in Packet)
- D. Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) Presentation
- E. Other Business and Updates
- F. Adjournment

Minutes

Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2014

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by CAC Chair Bob Joiner at 7:02 p.m.		
Members	John Beacham	Leslie Bender	Lorraine Gresser
	Bob Joiner	Tim Klevar	Steven Maas
	Joan Masberg	Joe Piket	Kevin Rebman
	Don Skoglund		
Members Absent	Stephen Gill, Greg Hulne, Harry Kennedy		
Others Present	CAC City Staff Liaison Mike Opatz; Goytree Hakim, Northwest Hennepin Human Services Council; Kate Houston, Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging; Marie Maslowski, Maple Grove Hospital.		
Minutes	The minutes for the February 2, 2014 meeting were approved.		
Area Reports	No specific reports. Inquiry on Police Chief application process.		
Act on Alzheimer's and Age Friendly City Presentation	<p>Goytree Hakim introduced herself and stated a presentation was made to the City Council regarding the Act on Alzheimer's/ Age Friendly City project. She stated that a committee is being formed to review Alzheimer's and aging in the Maple Grove community. Goytree invited CAC members to join the first committee meeting on April 30th, and they should notify her by April 18th if they are interested. She provided a few statistics on Alzheimer's.</p> <p>Mention was made of an age friendly project. Goytree reviewed the background, outlined goals and provided some examples of items that make a community age friendly. She stated that ten cities are considered age friendly, and St. Louis Park and Rochester are starting the process.</p> <p>Goytree brought up a Citywide age friendly survey tool that could go out to residents.</p> <p>Kate Houston made a presentation called Act on Alzheimer's and went through the handout provided in the CAC agenda packet. She stated it is a statewide collaboration of 60 organizations and 300+ people. Kate provided background on the organization and reviewed their goals. She stated the main focus of the presentation was on creating a dementia capable community.</p> <p>As she went through the handout, she stated there is a community tool kit that serves as a guide and walks a community through the process. She also reviewed grants and funding. Goytree stated that Maple Grove is planning on apply for funds.</p> <p>Again mention was made of the April 30th committee meeting at 7 p.m. at</p>		

the Community Center. It was confirmed that anyone who lives or works in Maple Grove is welcome to join.

Marie Maslowski mentioned outcomes in the recent Community Health Assessment conducted by Maple Grove Hospital which were behavioral/mental health, safety, asthma, and wellness/prevention.

Questions/answers and general comments were made. Discussion took place on ideas and resources. The presenters were thanked for their information and attendance.

The question was asked if the City Council approved the age friendly/Alzheimer's projects. Mike Opatz will look into further as no action/presentation at a Council meeting came to mind. The committee stated it would be interesting to have a follow up presentation on the progress of this project in the future. The question was asked if there was a role the CAC could play. The committee discussed the variety of services and possibilities.

Youth Sports Update

Harry Kennedy was not available to attend the CAC meeting that night, and it was unsure when he might be available. The statement was made that it appears to be challenging to get information from the athletic groups. Concerns were stated maybe about how the questions were being presented to the athletic associations. Suggestion was made to possibly have the athletic groups come back to a future CAC meeting, provide an update, and share their impact on the community as well as future plans.

The statement was made that is not the CAC's role to delve into the athletic associations practices. Suggestion was made to get a progress report from Harry Kennedy and see if there is a way CAC can assist him. It was decided that further CAC discussion was needed before asking athletic associations to a future CAC meeting.

Arts Center

It was noted the City of Maple Grove has no formal plans or funds allocated for an arts center. CAC felt it appropriate to include the bigger arts community in discussion of any proposed facility. The statement was made that the Arts Council wants to be involved. A proposal was made to invite the Maple Grove Arts Council to a future CAC meeting, possibly August or September.

**Other Business
and Updates**

CAC may consider holding a May meeting if Harry Kennedy can attend to discuss youth sports.

CAC member Klevar stated his neighbors have expressed concerns about Councilmember Sargent to him. General discussion ensued. The suggestion was made to continue discussion on the Councilmember Sargent matter after the CAC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Morris
Minute Secretary

Area Reports

Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) Presentation

TO: CAC Members

FROM: Mike Opatz, CAC Staff Liaison

DATE: June 2, 2014

SUBJECT: Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) Presentation

Deborah Edwards of the Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) will make a presentation about this organization. CAC Chair Bob Joiner saw a WCCO TV feature on the Positive Coaching Alliance and felt having someone from the organization present to the CAC group would be a great way to shape a project outline on the topic of youth sports in the City of Maple Grove.

I informed Ms. Edward that the CAC has been involved with a wide variety of capital and policy related topics over the years. This included studying and providing input on the City's Community Center, indoor ice arenas, inflatable sports dome, and basketball gyms. CAC's involvement in these athletic facilities, that are heavily used by youth sports, has sprouted interest in studying youth sports and their respective organizations.

CAC members have concerns that problems in youth sports have been surfacing from parent behavior, playing time equity, use of facilities, sport specialization, and concussions. From CAC's perspective, the use of City facilities, funds, and name, is why CAC should look at this topic. CAC feels it would be in the best interest of the youth and the City as a whole to study this issue. As a reference, enclosed is list of all the youth sport organization in Maple Grove.

Positive Coaching Alliance is a national non-profit with a mission of developing "Better Athletes, Better People" by working to provide all youth and high school athletes a positive, character-building youth sports experience. Since its 1998 launch at Stanford University by Founder and CEO Jim Thompson, PCA has impacted more than 5 million youth athletes. PCA reaches youth and high school sport leaders, coaches, athletes, parents, and officials through partnerships with schools and youth sports organizations. Below is a link to the organization's website

- <http://minnesota.positivecoach.org/>

Also enclosed is the written text on above referenced WCCO TV news feature.

This Nonprofit Is Trying To Fix The Adult Problem In Youth Sports - May 7, 2014 10:42 PM

MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) — If you have a child in youth sports, there are few things more satisfying and exciting than watching them play. And there are few things more disheartening than watching an adult get out of control. The stories are strikingly similar.

Four years ago, Robin Johnson was sentenced to six years in prison after getting upset and assaulting the organizer of a sixth-grade basketball game. In 2008, Wade Campbell was sent to jail for threatening to shoot his son's Little League coach "like a dog." It's an alarming issue, and one that seems to be getting worse – even at the youngest levels. "The parent came onto the field and ran and got in my face and started yelling," said 18-year-old Jayden Fassett, recalling a recent Little League game he umpired. "And the coach was behind him egging him on."

At a Little League tournament, Jason Halvorson witnessed a coach come screaming out of the dugout, yelling expletives at an umpire after a player was thrown out at the plate. "I'll never forget the looks on the kids' faces," Halvorson said. "They were mortified, and really they were scared. They shouldn't see stuff like that." Last year, a coach grabbed the oldest son of former Twins player Corey Koskie at a hockey practice and threw him against the boards. "His neck hurt for four days," Koskie said.

After a fifth-grade basketball tournament he officiated, referee David Hobson was met in the parking lot and threatened by an out-of-control parent. "He goes, 'I'm going to my trunk and I'm getting my gun,'" Hobson recalled. Jay Johnson, a youth hockey coach in Stillwater, was told of a recent incident involving the coach of a 10-11-year-olds team. "The boys won the 3rd place trophy, were all excited, sitting in the locker room cheering," Johnson said. "Coach came in, walked in, shook his head in disgust, grabbed the trophy, basically chewed them out, said, 'I can't believe you're celebrating a 3rd place,' threw it in the trash can and walked out the door." There's a problem in youth sports. Parents and coaches — the adults involved – are sometimes out of control. But Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA), a new nonprofit, is working to fix this problem.

"I've had the unfortunate experience of having some pretty bad coaches in my youth career," youth baseball coach Kelly Kirby said. "And I don't want to be one of those." PCA's mission? Fix the problem in youth sports by equipping the adults involved with the tools to build the right kind of culture. "We really try to force coaches to really re-think why kids play," said PCA trainer Eric Eisendrath. "And this win-at-all-costs model is something that is far more of an adult mindset than a kid mindset. Rutgers did a study that found that 84 percent of kids said they would rather play on a losing team than sit on a bench on a winning team. And every statistic and study will find that the reason kids play is to play. It's not to win."

Parents and coaches — the adults — have invested so much time and money into youth sports that it's no surprise they get caught up in the results. "The worst thing is the ones that don't think they have a problem, because they're not the real belligerent dad," said Derek Wolden, a basketball referee who wrote a book called "BasketCases" about the problem in youth sports. But even less extreme behavior like not giving kids equal playing time, badmouthing a child's

teammate or having a bad attitude, can make a negative impact. “The goal really should be to help those kids become good athletes, good people,” Johnson said. He won a national award from PCA after being nominated by one of the parents on his team.

“From a player’s standpoint, I have seen a very, very positive response from the players,” he said of his implementation of PCA’s principles. “They appreciate the way in which we communicate them, they appreciate that feedback. I have seen a lot of positive attitudes, a lot of positive effort.”

Koskie spends much of his time these days coaching his four kids in youth baseball and hockey. After the incident his son had with that coach last year, he sees the need and has high hopes for PCA. “So hopefully PCA can open their eyes a little bit and kind of see what, as coaches, what we’re really trying to accomplish with our youth,” he said. “And show them another way, and give them other tools.” But can it work? Each of the pro sports teams in town have committed resources to make sure it does. They’ve offered financial support, and access to facilities, tickets, current and former players and coaches and more.

“We think PCA can be really transformational in our community,” Twins president Dave St. Peter said. “And making sure that it’s not just about competition but it’s also about doing it the right way.”

“[Coaches] don’t get out of bed saying, ‘I’m gonna be a bad coach, I wanna shame every kid, I want a kid to have a bad experience,’” Koskie said. “I think deep down, the coaches truly believe that they want to do a good job.” But when push comes to shove — usually figuratively, sometimes literally — they don’t always follow through. “If parents would grow up and act like parents and be reasonable adults,” Wolden said, “so many problems would go away.” Positive Coaching Alliance established its 10th local chapter in Minnesota last summer and keeps growing. It offers workshops for athletes, administrators, coaches, and parents, though they say the parent workshops are the hardest to fill. For more information about the Positive Coaching Alliance, [visit their website](#).

Youth Athletic Associations

Many Maple Grove youth sports are administered by volunteer organizations. Each organization has a Board of Directors and is run independently.

BASEBALL/FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

Organization: OMGAA - Osseo Maple Grove Athletic Association
Program: House Leagues - BB/FP Ages 9-18
 Traveling Teams - BB Ages 10-15 & FP ages 9-18
Information: at www.omgaa.org

BASKETBALL

Organization: OMGBA - Osseo Maple Grove Basketball Association
Program: House Leagues - Grades 1-12
 Traveling Teams - Grades 5-8
information: www.omgba.net

HOCKEY

Organization: OMGHA - Osseo Maple Grove Hockey Association
Program: House Leagues - Ages 5-15
 Traveling Teams - Ages 9-17
Information: www.omgha.com

SOCCER

Organization: Maplebrook Blast
Program: Traveling Teams - Ages 19 & under
Information: www.maplebrooksoccer.com

FOOTBALL

Organization: OFA - Osseo Football Assn
 MGYFA - Maple Grove Youth Football Assn
Program: Traveling Leagues - Grades 2 - 8
Information: www.osseofootball.org
www.mgyfa.com

SWIMMING

Organization: NHCP Swim Club
Program: Competitive Swimming - Ages 6 - 18
Information: www.teamunify.com/mnnhcp

WRESTLING

Organization: Osseo Area Youth Wrestling
Program: Pre-Kindergarten - grade 6
Information: www.osseoyouthwrestling.org

TENNIS

Organization: Maple Grove Crimson Tennis Assn. Inc.
Program: Youth, ages 14 and older
Information: mgcrimsontennis@yahoo.com

LACROSSE

Organization: Maple Grove Lacrosse Association
 Osseo Park Center Girls Lacrosse
 Osseo Park Center Boys Lacrosse
Program: Youth, grades 3 - 8 traveling
Contact: www.mglax.com
www.opcgirlslacrosse.com
www.opclax.com

2014 MAPLE GROVE DAYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Join us for our 9th Annual Tournament, hosted by the Maple Grove Crimson Tennis Association, Inc.

July 10, 11, 12 & 13, 2014

Please arrive at 7:00-7:30 am to check in & warm up!

Divisions & Sites

Singles: Thursday, July 10

Play starts at 8:00 a.m. to completion in one day

- Boys Singles 14 & under - Weaver Lake Park (upper park) 16 draw
- Girls Singles 14 & under - Maple Grove Sr High 16 draw
- Boys Singles 18 & under (Varsity & JV) - Maple Grove Sr High 16 draw
- Girls Singles 18 & under (Varsity & JV) - Maple Grove Sr High 16 draw

Raindate for Singles - Friday, Maple Grove Sr High

Doubles: Friday, July 11

Play starts at 8:00 am to completion in one day

- Boys Doubles 18 & under - Maple Grove Senior High School
- Girls Doubles 18 & under - Maple Grove Senior High School

Men's Open: Saturday, July 12

Play starts at 8:00 am (check 7:30 am.) to completion one day. Semi-final & finals on Sunday possible.

- 3.5 & 4.5 & rating - Maple Grove Senior High

Mixed Doubles: Sunday, July 13

Play starts at 8:00 am (check 7:30 am.) to completion one day.

- Maple Grove Senior High

Scoring

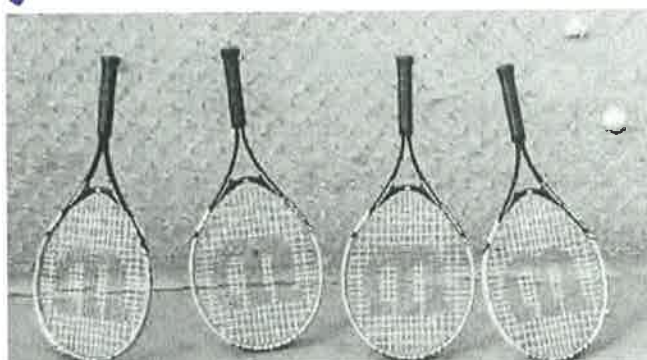
Two matches guaranteed; Two sets with Super Tie-Breaker for third set 2 out of 3 sets for semi-finals and final possible depending on the weather and time. Trophies or Medals for 1st, 2nd, 3rd & Consolation winners

Equipment

Tennis balls are provided by the MG Crimson Tennis Association

Fees

\$15/person/event. **Registration by mail must be received by July 8.** Registration forms available, www.freewebs.com/maplegrovetennis. Registration and draws also available at www.northernusta.com. Online registration costs \$18/person/event with credit card. Registration online closes on July 3 at 11:59 pm or when draw is full. Print & Bring Waiver.



Other Business and Updates

AREA REPORT
Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee

Please use this form to express your concerns, suggestions, and positive comments on things you see taking place in Maple Grove!

Name: _____ (Required)

Date: _____

Phone: _____ (Please include if responding party has any questions)

Comment: _____

Comment: _____

Comment: _____

Submit your completed form to Mike Opatz at the monthly CAC meeting. Area Reports will be submitted to the appropriate City staff/department, and a response will be in a future CAC agenda packet.